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Attorney Docket VGEN.P-054  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lacroix  
Serial No.: 10/082,546  
Filed: 02/25/2002  
Title: Method and Kit for Quantitation and Nucleic Acid Sequencing of  
Nucleic Acid Analytes in a Sample  
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responding to Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 29, 2002, Applicant submits the enclosed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney together with PTO form 2038 authorizing a charge of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the oath.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit any additional fees deemed due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0610.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

### Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.
  - Numbers, letters, and reference characters must measure at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height.

### Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



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